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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hake et al.

Title: SEAT BACK FOR A VEHICLE
SEAT COMPRISING AN
INTEGRATED PROTECTIVE
DEVICE

Appl. No.: 10/049,698

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's election requirement dated May 9, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the Examiner's species I, corresponding to Figures 1-4. Claims 25-31, 36-41, and 45-46 read on species I.

Applicants agree with the Examiner that claim 25, chosen for prosecution, is generic to the claims that have not been chosen for prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the non-elected claims be considered upon allowance of generic claim 25.

Respectfully submitted,

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